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**RE: CHANGES TO YES CANS CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT, EFFECTIVE 1/1/2019**

Effective January 1, 2019, the Idaho CMH CANS course will be the only approved certification course for the YES Program. Prior to 1/1/2019, certifications in any course provided by the Praed Foundation are considered valid for Idaho YES CANS Certification.

**Description of Change and Expected Impact:**

- Description:
  - All individuals seeking certification in the CANS for purposes related to the YES Program must currently certify through the online certification platform operated and managed by the Praed Foundation. This site, [www.tcomtraining.com](http://www.tcomtraining.com), is the only approved certification platform for CANS Certification. Individuals seeking CANS certification can select from multiple courses that are available on the training platform that may or may not be aligned with the Idaho CMH CANS tool. Currently, individuals seeking CANS Certification for YES purposes are considered certified in the CANS after successfully passing the certification exam in any of the courses offered through the Praed Training Platform.

Beginning January 1, 2019, the only approved CANS certification course for YES will be the Idaho CMH CANS course. All individuals seeking to certify or renew certification in the CANS for YES purposes will be required to certify using this course only. Certification in other CANS courses offered by the Praed Foundation will no longer be accepted as valid CANS Certification for YES purposes, including the access requirements for any role-based permissions within the [ICANS System](#).

- Consultation on Change:
  - The Praed Foundation was consulted on this change on 10/6/2018, and approved of the changes. The Praed Foundation will work collaboratively with Idaho to inform all current training site users of these changes.
- Scope:
  - This change is statewide and will impact all individuals seeking to certify or re-certify in the CANS for YES purposes.

- Implementation Schedule:
  - Initial communication to registered TCOMTraining.com site users: December 1, 2018
  - Initial Announcement of change (all stakeholders): December 1, 2018
  - Implementation: January 1, 2019
  - Transition completed: all existing and new users will be certified on the Idaho CMH CANS as of 1/1/2020.
  
- Existing Certifications:

Individuals who are currently certified in a tool other than the CMH CANS may continue under that certification until their annual recertification date, at which point they must recertify using the Idaho CMH CANS course.
  
- Impact:
  - *Community Providers:*
    - Providers currently certified in CMH CANS must maintain annual re-certification by completing the certification requirements for the CMH CANS tool upon their recertification date.
    - Providers currently certified in a communimetric tool other than the Idaho CMH CANS will be required to re-certify on the CMH CANS tool prior being granted any role-based ICANS permissions upon their annual recertification date.
    - Providers not yet certified in the CANS will be required to enroll and complete the certification requirements for the Idaho CMH CANS course when seeking to become CANS Certified. Certification must be completed prior to being granted any role-based ICANS permissions upon their annual recertification date.
  - *IDHW Staff:*
    - IDHW staff currently certified in CMH CANS must maintain annual re-certification by completing the certification requirements for the CMH CANS tool upon their recertification date.
    - IDHW staff currently certified in a communimetric tool other than the Idaho CMH CANS will be required to re-certify on the CMH CANS tool prior being granted any role-based ICANS permissions upon their annual recertification date.
    - IDHW staff not yet certified in the CANS will be required to enroll and complete the certification requirements for the Idaho CMH CANS course when seeking to become CANS Certified. Certification must be completed prior being granted any role-based ICANS permissions upon their annual recertification date.
  - *Family and Youth:*
    - No identified impact.

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